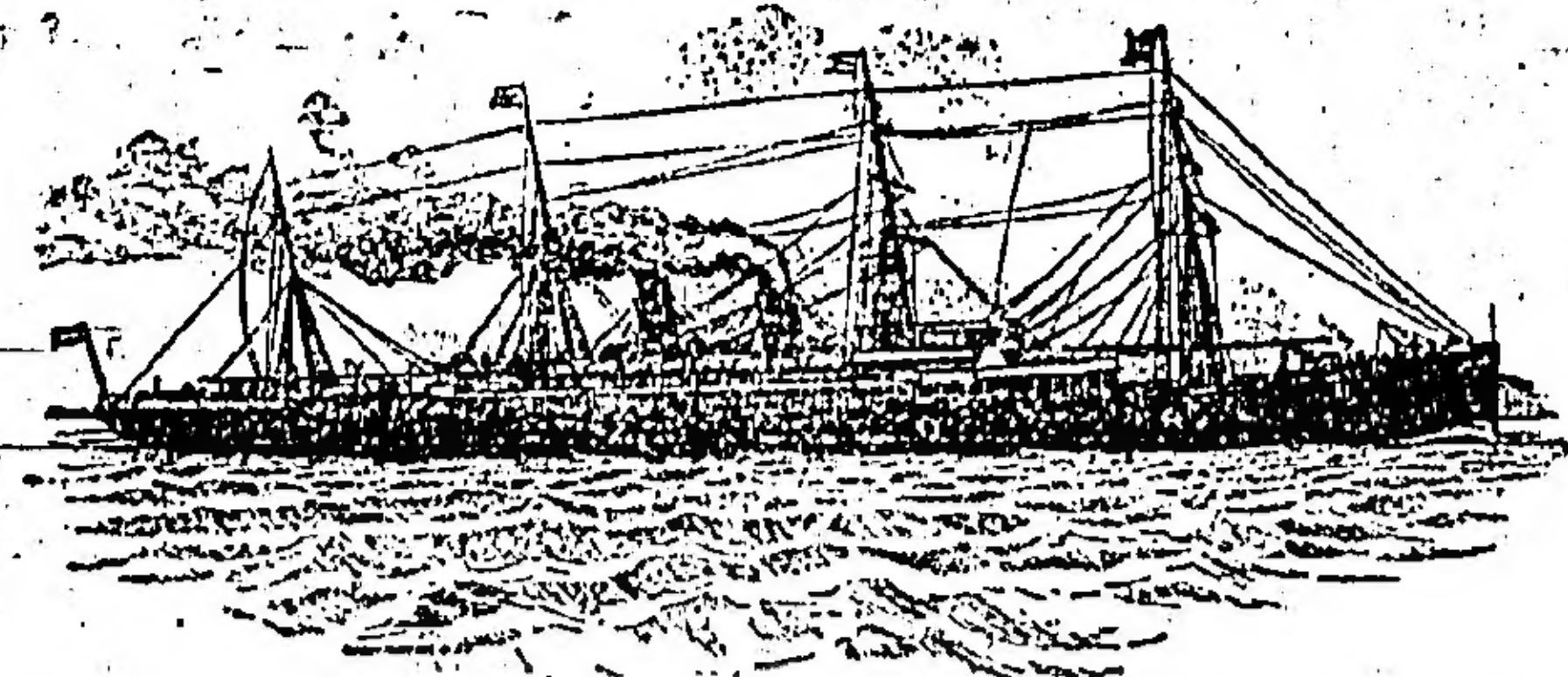


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PACIFIC MAIL S.S. CO., OCCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL S.S. CO., TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA AND EUROPE.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

"CHINA"	THURSDAY, 8th January, 1903, at Noon.
"DORIS"	THURSDAY, 17th January, 1903, at Noon.
"NIPPON MARU"	SATURDAY, 24th January, 1903, at Noon.
"SIBERIA"	TUESDAY, 3rd February, 1903, at Noon.
"COPTIC"	TUESDAY, 10th February, 1903, at Noon.
"AMERICA MARU"	TUESDAY, 17th February, 1903, at Noon.
"KOREA"	FRIDAY, 27th February, 1903, at Noon.
"GAELIC"	SATURDAY, 7th March, 1903, at Noon.
"HONGKONG MARU"	TUESDAY, 17th March, 1903, at Noon.

Record Trip Yokohama to San Francisco made by s.s. "KOREA", 12,000 tons, Oct. 18th-28th, 1902; 10 days, 15 hours.

THE P. M. Company's Steamship "CHINA" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on THURSDAY, 8th January, at Noon, taking Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe. Passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of the Overland Rail Routes from San Francisco, including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of 24 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding Orders for OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have between SAN FRANCISCO and CHICAGO, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and other direct connecting Railways, and from Chicago to destination the choice of direct lines.

Special rates (first-class only) to European Ports, are granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Consular Services, and European Civil Service Officials located in Asia, and to European Officials in the Service of the Governments of China and Japan.

TO UNITED STATES AND CANADIAN PORTS. Special rates (first-class only) are granted and will apply only to Missionaries, Members of the Naval and Military Services, and to Consular and Diplomatic Officials of the Governments of China and Japan.

Return Passage.—Reduction will be made to passengers who do not hold return tickets making the return journey between ports in the Orient and Honolulu or beyond, within twelve months.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railway, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Companies' and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 P.M. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany each shipment of Cargo or parcel (valued at \$100. Gold or over) destined to Ports, beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Companies' Office addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

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For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Companies, Queen's Building.

E. W. TILDEN, Agent.

Hongkong, 31st December, 1902.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COY.'S ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

R.M.S. "EMPRESS OF CHINA"	6,000 Tons	WEDNESDAY, 14th Jan., 1903.
"EMPRESS OF INDIA"	6,000 "	WEDNESDAY, 11th Feb., 1903.
"TARTAR"	4,425 "	WEDNESDAY, 25th Feb., 1903.
"EMPRESS OF JAPAN"	6,000 "	WEDNESDAY, 11th Mar., 1903.
"ATHENIAN"	3,882 "	WEDNESDAY, 18th Mar., 1903.
"EMPRESS OF CHINA"	6,000 "	WEDNESDAY, 1st April, 1903.
"EMPRESS OF INDIA"	6,000 "	WEDNESDAY, 22nd April, 1903.
"TARTAR"	4,425 "	WEDNESDAY, 6th May, 1903.
"EMPRESS OF JAPAN"	6,000 "	WEDNESDAY, 13th May, 1903.
"ATHENIAN"	3,882 "	WEDNESDAY, 27th May, 1903.

THE magnificent "EMPRESS" Twin-screw Steamships of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER (B.C.) in 12 DAYS, ("TARTAR" and "ATHENIAN" 14 DAYS), saving THREE DAYS TO A WEEK in the Trans-Pacific journey, and make connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL OVERLAND TRAINS OF THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY which leave daily, and cross the Continent FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

Passengers Booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD. Return tickets to various points at reduced rates, Good for 4, 6, 9 and 12 months.

SPECIAL RATES (First class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan Governments.

The attractive features of the Company's route embrace its PALATIAL STEAMSHIPS, (second to none in the World), the LUXURANCE OF ITS TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS (the Company having received the highest award for same at Chicago World's Exhibition), and the diversity of MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SCENERY through which the Railway passes.

THE DINING CARS AND MOUNTAIN HOTELS of this route are owned and operated by the Company, and their appointments and Cuisine are unexcelled.

For further information, Maps, Guide Books, Rates of Passage, &c., apply to D. E. BROWN, General Agent, Pedder's Street.

Hongkong, 4th December, 1902.

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Taking Cargo at through Rates to ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, COPENHAGEN, LISBON, OPORTO, LONDON, LIVERPOOL, GLASGOW, TRIESTE, GENOA, PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS; NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS).

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STREAMERS	DESTINATIONS	SAILING DATES	
NURNBERG	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	13th Jan., 1903.	Freight.
Jaburg	(Calling at SINGAPORE and COLOMBO).		
SILESIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	27th Jan., 1903.	Freight and Passengers.
Halle	(Calling at SINGAPORE and PENANG).		
WURZBURG	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	10th Feb., 1903.	Freight and Passengers.
v. Linzer	(Calling at SINGAPORE and COLOMBO).		
C. FERD. LAEISZ	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	24th Feb., 1903.	Freight.
Fuchs	(Calling at SINGAPORE and PENANG).		

For further Particulars, apply to

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE, HONGKONG OFFICE, No. 1, Queen's Building.

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1902.

Auction.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED, on SATURDAY, the 3rd January, 1903, at 2.30 P.M., at their SALES ROOMS, 8, Des Vœux Road Central, Corner of Ice House Street, A QUANTITY OF OLD PEKING CURIOS, comprising:

MING DYNASTY PORCELAIN, HONG HONG, VALES, SUNG DYNASTY BRASS and COPPER INCENSE BURNERS and VASES, LARGE COPPER BELL, SILK EMBROIDERIES, MANDARIN'S CLOTHES, LACQUERED WARE, DOMBOO CARVINGS, &c., &c. Catalogues will be issued and the Goods will be on view on Friday, P.M. TERMS:—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 30th December, 1902. [1441d]

Intimations.

NEW YEAR HOLIDAY.

IN accordance with the Provisions of Ordinance No. 6 of 1875, the Undermentioned BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business, TO-MORROW, the 1st January, 1903.

For the CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA, T. G. COCHRANE, Acting Manager, Hongkong.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, J. R. M. SMITH, Chief Manager.

For the NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED, GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR, Chief Manager.

For the MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED, E. W. ORMISTON, Acting Manager, Hongkong.

For the BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE, Hongkong Agency, GASTON MAYER, Acting Manager.

For the YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED, TARO HODSUMI, Manager.

For the IMPERIAL BANK OF CHINA, E. W. RUTTER, Manager.

For the DEUTSCH-ASIATISCHE BANK, H. FIGGE, Manager.

For the RUSSO-CHINESE BANK, J. W. R. TAYLOR, Manager.

For the GUARANTY TRUST CO. OF NEW YORK, E. F. GROS, Acting Manager.

Hongkong, 31st December, 1902. [1426d]

THE EASTERN EXTENSION AND GREAT NORTHERN TELEGRAPH COMPANIES.

A DUPLICATION OF THE WLADIVOSTOK ROUTE has been OPENED VIA KIACHTA but is provisionally only available for Telegraphic Correspondence between China and Russia. Senders who wish their Telegrams for Russia forwarded, by preference, by either of the said Routes are consequently requested to mark the Telegram Forms accordingly. If no Special Route be indicated, Telegrams for Russia will be forwarded via Kiachta if intended for Blagoweschensk or places West of Blagoweschensk, and via Vladivostok if intended for places East of Blagoweschensk.

J. M. BECK, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 29th December, 1902. [1436d]

THE EASTERN EXTENSION AND GREAT NORTHERN TELEGRAPH COMPANIES.

REVISE CURRENCY CHARGES ON CABLEGRAMS.

THE senders of telegrams are hereby advised that from the 1st of January 1903 the Currency equivalent of the Franc has been raised from \$6.10 to \$2.46, subject to further revision three months hence, at which rate the tariffs for all telegrams from China will be collected.

Any further information desired may be obtained by applying at the Companies' Offices.

J. M. BECK, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 20th December, 1902. [1398d]

NOTICE.

OWING to the large increase in the Cost of Fodder, &c., we are obliged to raise the PRICE of our MILK to 12 CENTS per small bottle for 1st January next.

THE DAIRY FARM CO. LD., S. A. SETH, Secretary.

THE HONGKONG DAIRY, G. W. GEGG, Manager.

Hongkong, 18th December, 1902. [1385d]

LOST.

IN the Lavatory of the Hongkong Silver-A GENTLEMAN'S ENGLISH SILVER LEVER WATCH and GOLD CHAIN with GOLD LOCKET and JAPANESE IVORY CHARM attached.

The Finder will be rewarded if necessary on returning same to "H."

C/o H.K. Telegraph Office.

Hongkong, 22d December, 1902. [1408d]

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

THE OFFICE and SALES ROOMS of the Undersigned have been REMOVED to No. 8, DES VŒUX ROAD CENTRAL, Corner of Ice House Street.

HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 15th December, 1902. [1367d]

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Hongkong, 20th December, 1902. [1409d]

Intimations.

SANITARY BOARD.

OWNERS of HOUSES situated in the Western Division of the City of Victoria who have not had their Premises LIME-WASHED and CLEANSED in accordance with Law, are reminded that the period during which this work should be FINISHED ends on the 31st day of DECEMBER, 1902, and the Sanitary Board, being convinced of the necessity of cleanliness in its efforts to stamp out Plague, is determined to rigorously prosecute any owner in default after the above named date.

By Order of the Board, G. A. WOODCOCK, Secretary.

Sanitary Board Office, Hongkong, 31st December, 1902. [1321d]

NOTE:—The Western Division of the City lies to the West of Morrison and East Streets.

THE CHINA-BORNEO COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of The CHINA-BORNEO COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the REGISTERED OFFICES of the Company, 4, Queen's Buildings, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 14th day of January, 1903, at 12 N. ON, for the purpose of confirming the following resolution passed at the EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company held this day (29th December, 1902):

SOLUTION.

That for the purpose of carrying into effect the special resolution duly passed and confirmed at Extraordinary General Meetings of the Company held on the 11th and 27th days of October, 1902, the Company be wound up voluntarily under the Provisions of the Companies Ordinance 1865 to 1899, and that the Honourable Charles Stewart Sharp, Alexander George Wood, and John Thomas Martin Wheeley be appointed Liquidators of the said Company with liberty for each of them jointly to exercise all the powers of the joint liquidators and that for the like purpose the liquidators be and they are hereby authorized to consent to the preparation of the Memorandum and Articles of Association of and to the registration of a new Company to be incorporated under the Companies Ordinance of Hongkong under the name of The China-Borneo Company Limited or some similar title.

Dated this 29th day of December, 1902.

By Order of the Consulting Committee, WILLIAM D. JUPP, Acting Manager.

1434d]

THE HONGKONG STEAM-WATER BOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHAREHOLDERS are hereby notified that the Remaining Call of THREE DOLLARS per Share is now called up, and is PAYABLE at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 37, Connaught Road, on or before January 2nd, 1903.

On Payment, Shareholders will please hand in their Scripts for endorsement by the Manager.

By Order,

J. W. KEW, Manager.

Hongkong, 15th December, 1902. [1366d]

SITUATION WANTED.

BY A YOUNG MAN as BOOKKEEPER, CLERK, GENERAL ASSISTANT, STOREKEEPER or TIMEKEEPER. Has Several Years' experience both in Government and Mercantile Offices. Speaks Several Eastern Languages. No Objection to Coast Ports. Good Reference.

Apply to "C,"

C/o The Hongkong Telegraph.

Hongkong, 29th December, 1902. [1428d]

HONGKONG ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.

ST. ANDREW'S BALL, 1903.

ALL OUTSTANDING CLAIMS against the 1903 Ball Account should be rendered before 1st JANUARY, 1903.

DAVID WOOD, Hon. Sec., St. Andrew's Society.

Hongkong, 30th December, 1902. [1442d]

NOTICE.

THE attention of the public is drawn to the provisions of the Stamp Amendment Ordinance 1902, whereby certain duties are increased and it is recommended that at least a part of any stock of old forms be presented to the Stamp Office for surcharging before the 31st instant.

A copy of the new Schedule in force from the 1st January, 1903, can be seen at the Stamp Office.

A. M. THOMSON, Treasurer, &c.

Hongkong, 27th December, 1902. [1422d]

THE STEAM LAUNDRY COMPANY, LIMITED.

WORKS:—Causeway Bay (adjoining Kennedy's Stables).

TOWN DEPOT:—2, Beaconsfield Arcade (Alleyway).

ALL work is done under European supervision, and the objectionable practices, common to Chinese laundries, of damping from the mouth and sleeping on the clothes are not permitted. Collection and delivery at private residences. Monthly Terms quoted for Gentlemen. Special terms to families on application to—

F. G. ALLEN, Manager.

Hongkong, 6th December, 1902. [1308d]

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Per S.S. "EASTERN."

FRESH AUSTRALIAN BUTTER in prints 90 cents per pound.

Fresh Australian Cheese.

Fresh Australian Sakey Bacon.

H. KUTTONJEE, No. 5, D'Aguilar Street, Hongkong.

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Hongkong, 11th December, 1902. [807d]

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In Casks of 375 lbs. Net 20.00 per Cask ex Factory.

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SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 3rd December, 1902. [1318d]

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Large and lofty Rooms Elegantly Furnished. Hydraulic Elevator.

Hot and Cold Water throughout. Special Rates for Tourists.

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For Terms, apply to

THE MANAGER.

Hongkong, 1st November, 1902.

[1339c]

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THE most select Hotel in the Far-East, beautifully situated, over-looking the sea, and affords comfortable accommodation for travellers.

The strictest supervision as to food and cleanliness is exercised by a European Manager.

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Intimations.

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THE only remedy at present known as an INFALLIBLE and PERMANENT CURE for SPRUE, DYSENTRY, DIARRHŒA, HEMORRHOGE and ULCERATION OF THE BOWELS.

Recommended by some of the Chief Specialists of the Medical Profession.

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12th October, 1898.

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DEALERS IN JEWELLERY, PEARLS, DIAMONDS, JADESTONEWARE, CURIOS, SILKS, CARVED IVORYWARE, AND GRASSCLOTHS, AND

GENERAL EXPORTERS.

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Next Door Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, 20th November, 1901. [1256c]

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MODERATE TARIFF.

Hongkong, 18th December, 1902. [1386d]

WAI YUNG, PHOTOGRAPHER.

No. 1, D'AGUILAR STREET, HONGKONG.

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THE PLEA FOR INTOLERANCE.

A thoughtful discussion upon opinion and intercourse in political life appeared in a recent issue of the *Spectator*. It had its origin in a letter written by an official who, after some years' services abroad, was much struck on his return to England by what he called "the fetid worship of toleration and conciliation" in English political life. He could not understand why a member of Parliament with son or brothers at the war could continue on friendly terms with the execrable Mr. Swift MacNeill. He maintained that in the House of Commons the tendency was to look to the opinion of the Opposition more than to the vital interest of the State; and he strenuously denounced the "curiously artificial club feeling" which was responsible for this overstrained worship of toleration. The *Spectator* commented upon the letter in an article remarkably admirable in its spirit of detachment and fairness. It admitted—as who with any knowledge of the inner workings of politics would not?—that the traditional tolerance of English public life sometimes imports a quality of unreality to the conduct of great controversies. There is some difficulty in reconciling the spectacle of, say, Mr. Balfour and Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman bitterly criticising one another in the House of Commons with a subsequent vision of the two eminent statesmen placidly dining at the same table in that room at Westminster where differences are supposed to be forgotten. Foreigners who observe the amiable understanding existing between British politicians are apt to say that they can appreciate a friendship subsisting between two barristers who are constantly opposing one another in the law courts, but they cannot think it possible for two men so strongly possessed of divergent convictions upon great public questions, to be really friendly in private life. The Continental view, as we read it, is that if two political opponents are so warmly attached to one another that their public speeches can only be intended to bear what Dickens would have called a "Pickwickian construction." Many people in England are so moved at the fecundity of public life at home that they are coming to the same conclusion. Hence such pleas as that put forward by the correspondent of the *Spectator*, for a little more healthy intolerance.

Even if it be granted that English tolerance is producing a corresponding blindness of conviction we are nevertheless inclined to agree with the *Spectator* that it will not be a healthy sign if British politicians are ever induced to abandon their toleration, and to emulate the acrimonious enmities of the Continent. Onlookers may draw what conclusion they please from the revelation of Mr. Balfour and Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman discussing golf over their dinner; but the average Englishman would rather have it so, than be revealed with such an incident as recently happened in France, when the Minister of war was on the verge of fighting a duel with the Minister of Marine. Yet these two statesmen were not even opponents, they were members of the same Ministry. For that is one result of the spirit of uncompromising hostility cultivated in political life in France and Italy and Austria. A public man may begin by avoiding his opponents, but too often he ends by regarding with intolerance all who differ from him even his friends. Moreover, as the *Spectator* acutely points out, when once complete political intolerance is accepted as a virtue to be developed, it becomes difficult in times of excitement to know where to draw the line. If pushed to extremes, a parallel is established with the religious zealots of six centuries ago who persecuted themselves that the only way of dealing with those who differ from them was to burn them. In England, at any rate, it has been demonstrated for a good many decades that political differences are not incompatible with private friendships; nor do we think prolonged experience establishes the need for an imitation of France, where "the division of parties extends to the whole field of private life." Our severance of political from personal feeling may have its drawbacks, but does the introduction of political rancour into social life really make for good Government? We cannot believe that any thoughtful Frenchman would say that it does. A still more striking proof is discoverable in Irish politics. There, at any rate, private friendships between political opponents do not abound. Yet instead of the interests of Ireland being advanced by the sedulous cultivation of bitterness, the only discoverable result is an undue tendency to resort upon occasion to the final convincing argument of the dead cat.—*Times of India*.

A PROSPEROUS BRITISH COLONY.

In the discussion which preceded the recent Colonial Conference, much was heard of the prosperity of New Zealand and the sturdy loyalty of its people. The New Zealand Year Book for 1902 as fully vindicates the first claim as the published proceedings of the Conference revealing the broad Imperial policy pressed throughout by Mr. Seddon, do the latter. The budget of the colony must be the envy of many a European Chancellor, vexed by the burden of a growing deficit and an increasing expenditure. The revenue amounted to a little over six millions sterling, and the expenditure to about five and three-quarter millions, leaving a comfortable balance in hand. The trade returns were, on the whole, equally satisfactory. Imports increased by over a million sterling to nearly twelve millions, of which some ten millions were from Great Britain and British possessions. This development, moreover, occurred simultaneously with a steady expansion of indigenous industries. Export declined by £364,789 but this was due rather to a fall in values than any shrinkage in the volume of trade. The principal commodity exported is wool, the shipments of which were valued

last year at more than three and a half million sterling which represented a decline in value of 22.1 per cent., coincidentally with a rise in quantity of 4 per cent. The prosperous commerce shown in these figures is based upon conditions which almost defy competition. New Zealand is pre-eminently a pastoral and agricultural country, and sheep form the chief source of wealth, the flocks aggregating over twenty million animals. Besides the valuable wool yield, these produce frozen meat of the value of £2,553,262. The grain and dairy industries are growing, and even the pestiferous rabbit, which formerly was the subject of such glowing valuations brings in an income of £175,000 a year. Although New Zealand politicians occasionally profess anxiety regarding the pressure of the Argentine in the British markets, a country whose resources enable it to ship the finest cotton at two pence a pound at a profit and place it in the London docks at three pence halfpenny a pound, need have no qualms. Behind this unassailable agricultural wealth there is a considerable mineral industry. The gold output is worth a million and a half a year, and the production of coal grows apace. The economic future of New Zealand is assured.

The robustness of New Zealand imperialism may be explained in part by the fact that it is an intensely British Colony. Ninety-seven per cent. of its population was born in British possessions. Sixty-five per cent of its trade is with the United Kingdom, and a considerable portion of the remainder is within the Empire. From India and Ceylon it buys tea, rice, castor oil, and woolpacks to the extent of nearly half a million sterling per annum, sending but ten thousand pounds worth of produce in exchange. There are few countries where the conditions of life are generally easier. Were the accumulated wealth of the Islands distributed it would give £291 per head of the population, and the average annual income is estimated at from £37-12-0 to £44 a year, while the cost of living is put down at £35-6-1 a year. That there is an obverse to this shield is unfortunately only too true. Although New Zealand has never been guilty of the reckless borrowing of some of the Australian States, the tendency to throw an unfair share of the expenditure upon prosperity has been conspicuous. The public debt stands at the relatively enormous figure of fifty-three millions, and even in a prosperous year such as that we are reviewing, it was swollen by £3,375,202. The Colony now bears the burden easily, but this heavy debt, with the large annual charges it entails, would handicap it seriously during any period of serious agricultural depression or acute competition. An even more disquieting feature is the extremely low birth rate. The official returns show that the standard of material prosperity is high and poverty rare. Yet the birth rate is lower than that of any European country except France and Ireland. The same tendency is apparent in Great Britain and many parts of the Continent, but there the circumstances are very different and the struggle for life far harder. That it should be so marked in a new country in time of great prosperity is a most unhealthy sign, and if unchecked will inevitably result in the deterioration of the race. Last year the decline in the birth rate was stopped and a slight reaction set in. Much reliance, however, cannot be placed in the figures of a single year. It is to these two features in the life of the colony, the increase in the debt and the slow progress of the colonial-born population, that those keenly interested in the welfare of New Zealand will look with the greatest concern.—*Times of India*.

THE INTELLIGENCE OF THE NAVY.

A short time ago we drew attention to a report presented by the French Chamber by Mr. Lockroy, ex-Minister of Marine, on the condition of construction in the French Navy; a further instalment has recently been published dealing with the higher administration of the fleet, which is also of considerable interest. The point on which Mr. Lockroy lays most stress is the large number of officers employed at headquarters in the French Navy, as compared with those similarly employed elsewhere; and yet as country is suffering more acutely than France from a dearth of naval officers. So marked is this scarcity that the School of Gunnery was recently closed in order to fill vacancies in sea-going ships. The figures he quotes are instructive enough; in the British Service the central administration consists of 34 executive officers, mostly of senior rank, with an Intelligence Department consisting of one rear-admiral, three captains and five commanders. In France, with a far smaller fleet, and although coast defence is not, as in Italy and Germany, in the hands of the naval authorities, no fewer than 66 officers are employed in the central administration and 18 in the intelligence branch. Germany again has an Imperial Ministry of Marine consisting of 46 officers and an independent General Staff of 15 officers employed on the same work as the Intelligence Department.

Mr. Lockroy considers that if England could do with a headquarter staff of 54 officers, France has no need for anything like 84; and of course as far as the Admiralty itself is concerned he is right. On the other hand, most critics of our Navy see a weak point precisely where Mr. Lockroy sees opposite—in the strength of our Intelligence Department. If 9 officers are really enough to deal with all the questions relative to mobilization, preparations for war and the study of foreign services, which arise in our navy, then it is obvious that France should be able to do without a considerable proportion of those she employs; but this is a point which is at least open to discussion and the other way of looking at it is that if France finds it

necessary to employ 18 and even Germany 15 officers in the Intelligence branch, then ours is absurdly inadequate. This view, we think, is the one which is held by most thinking men nowadays; and it is surprising that such a keen critic as Mr. Lockroy should hold the opposite view. In the Navy and Army we have consistently starved the Intelligence Department; the result of doing so has already been experienced in full in South Africa, in the military operations, and the country cannot afford to risk a repetition in any future naval operations. If we had spent as much proportionately and employed as many officers as Germany does on her General Staff, the course of the war might well have been different; and the fact of our still continuing to employ an utterly inadequate Naval Intelligence Staff is not only not the matter for congratulation which Mr. Lockroy thinks it is, but a danger to the Empire.—*Times of India*.

A PHENOMENON IN EXCHANGE.

English travellers in Italy who three or four years ago made a substantial profit in converting their sovereigns into paper money have lately enjoyed no such adventitious advantage. Roughly speaking, the currencies of Italy and her neighbours have been at par, or thereabouts for some time. This was due to a variety of causes which cannot be fully entered into, chief amongst them, however, being the improved condition of Italian trade and finance. Last month, however, Italian paper money had attained a position even superior to par. As a Roman Journal put it, paper money is convertible at the State Treasuries and the great credit establishments was quoted in the Bourses of Genoa, Naples, or Rome, at a higher rate than its value in gold—in other words, paper was dearer than gold itself. This might well be described as one of the rarest and most curious phenomena in monetary history. It has its parallel in some respects in the preference for a one-pound note to a golden sovereign which was at one time to be met with in Scotland, though that was a less transient phenomenon, and was due to quite other causes. The temptation was great to the Italian Minister of Finance to "improve the occasion by a large emission" of new paper money, and some of the Roman papers were urging him to adopt that reckless expedient. We doubt if any ministry not wholly without a monetary conscience, could be persuaded to listen to it. The policy of the Italian Government, indeed, has for some time past been directed towards solidifying the position of the currency in various ways, for Italian statesmen have not yet discovered in a depreciated currency the advantages which critics of the Government of India profess to see in it.—*Times of India*.

THE WEATHER.

The following report is from Mr. F. G. Figg, Acting Director of the Hongkong Observatory:—
On the 31st at 11.37 a.m. The barometer has risen generally, except over W. Japan. Pressure is high over Central China, and the depression, lying near the Loochoos yesterday, has moved away to the E.N.E.
Fresh to strong monsoon along the China coast and over the N. part of the China Sea.
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No Fire Insurance has been effected.

E. W. TILDEN,

Agent.

Hongkong, 27th December, 1902. [1]

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CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

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All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 30th January, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 5th January, at 11 A.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 29th December, 1902. [1438d]

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All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here after which date they cannot be recognised.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 29th December, 1902. [4]

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No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 29th December, 1902. [14]

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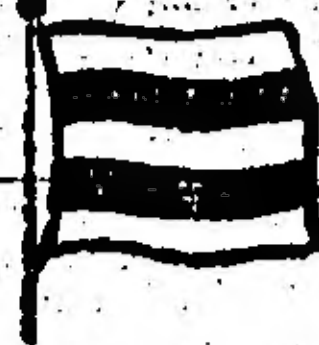
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Hongkong, 20th December, 1902. [14]

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The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, DEC. 31, 1902.

1902.

The remaining hours of the dying year are rapidly ticking away, and when again we come before the public the short span of time dividing the old from the new will have been broken and 1903 must figure with the past. On such an occasion as this, the eve of a new year, one usually glances back to take stock of the past twelve months, to see what is accomplished, and sum up all that has been left undone. The year that is passing away has been eventful in many ways, and we may be pardoned if to-day we take our readers back once again over the trodden paths of bygone days and draw attention to the more important events of the past twelve months. The opening of the new year was graced with a very pleasing function at Government House, when, on the eve of the departure to England of H.E. Sir H. A. Blake, the Chinese community of Hongkong presented him with an illuminated address placing on record the "profound gratitude and admiration which your able and sympathetic administration has inspired in us." A few days later His Excellency left the Colony, and to Major-General Sir W. J. Gascoigne fell what proved the arduous task of administering the government during a very eventful period. In his capacity as acting Governor one of the first duties of the gallant Major was in connection with the placing in position of the first foundation block and setting the tablet stone to commemorate the great dockyard extension scheme. Replying to a toast on behalf of the Governor of Hongkong, H.E. laid stress on the rapid advance of the Colony, and this theme subsequently proved one of his favourite topics. Indeed, Major Gascoigne has a very high opinion not only of Hongkong, but of the people in it, and, as he informed the Legislative Council on the 3rd September, he would look back on the eight months of his administration with the utmost pleasure and the utmost pride. Referring to the Council, he said they had been a very happy and united community, and he thought it was about as good as it was possible for it to be. It was then our duty to place on record the receipt of news to the effect that the Hon. J. H. Stewart Lockhart, our popular Colonial Secretary, had been appointed to the Commission of the Weihaiwei, but it was not until three months later that the community bade farewell and wished him success in his new sphere of office. Meanwhile, the Hongkong St. Andrew's Society presented him with a silver watch, the College of Medicine for Chinese met and showed their appreciation of their departing Rector by handing him an illuminated address, the members of the Hongkong Executive and Legislative Councils did likewise, and a few days before his departure, in April, the Chinese community gave a banquet in his honour at the City Hall. But other equally well-known and respected citizens have also left us during the past twelve months; men like the late David Gillies, who departed from Hongkong in the full bloom of prosperity after having rendered such yeoman service to the Colony; Mr. Fulton Henderson, a "man of generous instincts and a great acquisition in the social life of Hongkong," and among the few men who have won great popularity in the Colony, Sir Thomas Jackson, the retiring Chief Manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, who was banqueted in the City Hall and received a testimonial from the Chinese merchants and traders prior to leaving for home in May. Next came the Hon. T. H. Whitehead, the manager of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, who proceeded to England in June in order to undertake the management of the London office. He also was eulogised in a most fitting manner not only by the European section of the community, but equally as sincerely by the representatives of the Chinese citizens. All these departures necessarily made a great number of changes not only in the conduct of our public concerns, but in the Executive and Legislative Councils. There was the new Colonial

Secretary, Mr. F. H. May, the new Chief Justice, the new Attorney General and the new Captain Superintendent of Police, the new Post Master and many other changes of more or less importance. Meanwhile the Government departments had been busy; for, with the prospects of plague and a drought the outlook was far from pleasant. Rain was wanted in every direction. Our drains were making their presence felt, and we had no water with which to flush them, the cleansing of the Chinese quarters as a precautionary measure was hampered, and the greatest inconvenience was experienced by all sections of the community. By March the outlook had become very dismal. Cholera in Canton, and afterwards in Hongkong in company with smallpox, a prospective outbreak of plague, the water supply practically exhausted and the cleansing of the city thereby brought to a standstill. The drought was undoubtedly one of the longest and most acute from which the Colony has suffered in its whole history of nearly three quarters of a century, and the only wonder was that we remained so healthy through such a trying period. It was not until the middle of the year that the rain clouds burst, and then for many weeks later, numerous complaints were received from certain districts respecting an irregular supply, and, indeed the question is still with us and seems likely to drag on for many months more. The efforts of the Sanitary Board during the past twelve months have proved of the greatest benefit in preventing any very serious recrudescence of the plague, and instead of several thousand cases figuring on the returns for the year the total number of cases reported is 572, 559 being fatal, six European cases, four of which ended in death. On account of the Coronation festivities, the year must remain conspicuous. Hongkong was called upon to take an important part in the celebrations both here and at home. Officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the Hongkong Volunteer Corps, forty-three all told, were selected to represent the Colony in the homeland, and on the 14th May they embarked on the *Empress of Japan* bound for England via Canada. A substantial and lengthy programme of the festivities in connection with the local celebrations was drawn up and, despite the unfortunate and sudden postponement of the great event, the fixtures were carried through with credit. Local Coronation honours announced were that Sir Thomas Jackson had been created a baronet; that the Hon. C. P. Chater had been knighted; and that the Hon. Mr. Ho Kai was appointed a Companion of the Order of St. Michael and St. George. The public was little prepared for the news, and it was thus even more pleasing. But with the conclusion of the local celebrations there was still a busy time in store for the business section of Hongkong's community. The much debated Dock extension scheme, the continued fall in the dollar, strange rumours of impending trouble and a host of other uncertain and equally inexplicable concerns to which public attention was drawn, continued to crop up and receive due publicity. Collapse inquiries, followed by futile prosecutions, became the order of the day, piratical outrages almost within a stone's throw of the Colony, were of frequent occurrence, reports of the opening up of new railways, troubles of shipping companies regarding stowaways, and last, but by no means least, the all important Public Health and Buildings Bill. These were included in a lengthy and varied list of subjects of local interest and importance which have been discussed in our columns during the progress of the year. Looking back on the progress of the Colony there is every reason to believe that although it has not been one equal to that when it might be said the zenith of the Colony's prosperity has been attained, the sound position of our financial institutions, the entire absence of commercial failures and a perfect immunity of any serious disaster all point to the continued prosperity of the Colony, and the enjoyment by its inhabitants of material happiness, an increased measure of which we hope the new year will herald in. Meanwhile we wish our readers and others

A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

LeMunyon's "Views of Hongkong" please and interest everybody. Have you seen them?—*Advt.*

A SOCIAL EVENING is to be held at the R. E. Sergis, Mess to-night.

CHILDREN OF THE R. G. A. are having a Christmas Tree at Victoria Barracks next Saturday.

THE NEW YEAR.—To-morrow being New Year's Day there will be no issue of the *Hongkong Telegraph*.

MENTALLY DERANGED.—Sergt. Allen, R.E., made a pull-through fast to the trigger of a rifle, put the barrel in his mouth, and blew his brains out last night. The funeral took place this afternoon.

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—*Advt.*

NAVAL NOTES.—H.M.S. *Britannia* arrived from Bangkok and Hoilow yesterday afternoon.

F.A. & E. ALARM.—The fire brigade turned out to a false alarm from Queen Victoria St. yesterday afternoon.

MESSRS. W. S. BAILEY AND CO.'S new steamer *San Francisco*, 350 tons net, arrived at Manila on the 26th inst. after a four days' passage. She was built for Tan Anco, and will be employed in coasting.

SUNKEN WRECK.—The master of the str. *Toubridge* reports that on the 19th December, to the S.E. of Vanclefield Bank, in Lat. 9° 40' N., Long. 111° 40' E. he passed a sunken wreck with mast showing about 12 ft. above water.

TO-DAY is the last day of the Mahomedan fasting month of Ramzan and to-morrow is a big feasting day with the Muslim community. A prayer meeting will be held at the Nesque, Shelly Street, at eight o'clock to-morrow morning.

CROWN PRINCE OF SIAM DECORATED.—His Majesty, the Japanese Emperor, recently visited the Crown Prince of Siam, at the Villa Detached Palace, where the Prince is at present staying, and presented him with the Grand Order of the Rising Sun.

THE CROSS STREET FIRE.—The damage caused by the fire at Nos. 2 and 4, Cross St. is estimated at \$23,000. The pawn shop was insured for \$20,000 in the Commercial Union, \$5,000 in the South British and \$8,000 in the Tung On Co. No. 4, was insured in the Tung On Co. for \$9,000.

DANGER BETWEEN HAINAN AND HAWAII.—The master of the *Granman* str. *Elva* reports having sighted a dismasted junk on the 20th inst. in Lat. 19° 30' N., Long. 112° 00' E. and having picked up the crew. The junk continues to be a danger to navigation to passing between Hainan and the Paracels.

MISSERS. LAUTS, WEGENER AND CO. v. the Flying Shop, is a case that came on for hearing before the Hon. Judge, Mr. Honour A. G. Wise at the Supreme Court this morning. The plaintiffs claim \$1,35, which has been reduced to \$1,000, as damages for the non-delivery of 100 cases of beer being part of 200 cases alleged to have been purchased from the defendants on 23rd June last. The defendants on their part deny having entered into the contract. Mr. J. Hastings, of Messrs. Deacon and Hastings, appeared for the plaintiffs and Mr. Master, of Messrs. Johnston, Stokes and Master, for the defendants. The case was adjourned till Tuesday.

AN ENJOYABLE FALL was given last evening by Colonel Birdwood and officers of the 10th Infantry Light Infantry in Chater's Bungalow Kowloon, which Sir Paul has kindly placed at the disposal of the 33rd Burma Infantry. The premises were tastefully decorated with a profusion of palms and bunting, while the grounds were prettily illuminated with fairy lamps. Included among the guests were Major-General Sir William and Lady Gascoigne, Commodore and Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. and Miss Iva, Commodore and Mrs. Davis, Colonel and Mrs. Wyllie, Sir William and Lady Goodman, Major and Mrs. Denny, Sir H. Spencer Berkeley, Captain White, R.N., Colonel Hughes and many other distinguished guests. The ball was kept up to a late hour, and special ferries from Kowloon and from the Peak were provided.

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MASONIC.—The District Grand Lodge of Hongkong and South China held their annual meeting on Monday evening. Wor. Bro. E. C. Ray, Deputy District Grand Master, presided and the following officers were invested for 1903:—

Deputy District Grand Master, Wor. Bro. E. C. Ray, Lodge 1051; District Senior Grand Warden, Wor. Bro. F. W. Edwards, 1165; District Junior Grand Warden, Wor. Bro. D. Macdonald, 525; District Grand Chaplain, Wor. Bro. E. T. Bond, 2013; District Grand Treasurer, Wor. Bro. H. J. Watson, 1341; District Grand Registrar, Wor. Bro. G. Balloch, 1026; District 1st and President of the Board of General Purposes, Wor. Bro. F. W. Clark, 1165; District Grand Secretary, Wor. Bro. C. D. Gourdin, 1265; District Senior Grand Deacon, Wor. Bro. C. S. Rogers, 1012; District Junior Grand Deacon, Wor. Bro. L. A. Byworth, 2013; District Grand Superintendent of Works, Wor. Bro. B. B. Barker, 555; District Grand Director of Ceremonies, Wor. Bro. E. H. Ray, 1026; District Grand Assistant Director of Ceremonies, Wor. Bro. A. H. Hylands, 2013; District Grand Sword Bearer, Wor. Bro. A. H. Bottenheim, 1165; District Grand Standard Bearer, Wor. Bro. J. Helbling, 1912; and G. G. Burnett, 1341; District Grand Organist, Wor. Bro. A. G. Ward, 1165; District Grand Pursuivant, Wor. Bro. H. W. Wolfe, 1341; District Assistant Grand Pursuivant, Bro. A. W. Bewley, 1165; District Grand Stewards, Bro. E. H. Hinds, 1165; J. W. L. Oliver, 525; J. H. Varcoe, 1341; H. Bathurst, 1806; Senior Warden Star of Southern China, 2013, and Senior Warden Footchill Lodge, 1912; District Grand Tyler, Bro. J. Vanstone. Unofficial members, Wor. Bros. F. D. Goddard, P.M., and W. J. Tuercher, P.M.

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THE LUSITANO CLUB is giving a dance to-night at their Club rooms to see the old Year out, and welcome the New Year in.

LAYETTES.—Mothers will be glad to learn that Messrs. W. Powell have now replenished their stock of baby linen and children's outfitting goods.

SEEING THE OLD YEAR OUT.—To-night a service will commence at eleven o'clock in St. Peter's Seamen's Church, Queen's Road West. The Rev. W. J. Southam will preach. All are cordially invited.

SHIPPING IN CANTON.—A seafaring man, who has just returned from Canton, states that he has never seen such a number of ocean going steamers at present lying at the Canton anchorage. He personally counted over 37 vessels.

THE REV. J. H. FRANCE, M.A., is about to leave the Colony for England. He will be away for about six months and during his absence the Rev. T. Wright, B.A., will act as chaplain for St. Peter's Seamen's Church and the Sailors and Soldiers' Institute.

Nothing is more interesting and instructive than artistic work and pretty pictures. Views to please citizen and tourist alike.—You get your choice of the very best at LeMunyon's.—*Advt.*

ROME AND JULIUS INTERRUPTED.—Although China may not be looked upon as the land where Rome and Julius are produced, the following from Canton may prove of interest to our readers. Recently a returned Chinese

American noticed a rather handsome young lady worshipping at a shrine. Cupid's darts immediately struck him, and he soon made inquiries as to where the particular young lady lived. On being informed of her residence, which was in Hunan, he repaired thither, and for days could not behold his beloved. However, his efforts were rewarded on the fifth day, when suddenly she appeared at her window and dropped a missive on to the street below. The ardent swain picked it up, and was soon devouring the contents, which were to the effect that on a certain night he was to meet her at a certain garden. The night came, and the two met at the appointed place. Somehow or other the people living near the garden heard whisperings and feared that robbers premeditated an attack. The alarm was sounded, the villagers armed, made for the spot, and commenced a heavy fusillade, with the result that the swain was dangerously wounded and the young lady killed.

KOWLOON SAILORS' AND SOLDIERS' INSTITUTE.—The annual tea meeting in connection with the Kowloon Sailors' and Soldiers' Institute was held at the Kowloon Institute last evening. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., was unavoidably absent and the Ven. Archdeacon Bannister took the chair. Others present included the Revs. F. J. Johnson, J. D. Dathan, R.N., J. H. France, T. Wright, Beauty, (H.M.S. *Cressy*), W. J. Southam, E. H. Good, (H.M.S. *Tamar*), and K. C. A. Lambury, Colonel Caby, and Major Ayerst. Tea was served at half past six, and at eight o'clock the harmony of the evening commenced by two carols led by the Cathedral Choir. These were followed by prayers, hymns, speeches by the chairman, Rev. E. H. Good, R.N., W. J. Southam, and T. Wright; a sketch describing the work of the past year by Mr. J. H. France; other carols; and solos by Mrs. Stewart and Mr. C. H. P. Hay. Both these well-known vocalists were greatly appreciated and loudly cheered. Suitable addresses, giving thanks to those who deserved them, were made and after singing in chorus the *Song of the New Year*, the company proceeded to supper in the lower hall. Each guest was presented with a pretty little card "With heartiest greetings and best wishes from the Chaplain."

MORE CALENDARS.—A further consignment of calendars has reached this office Messrs. Shewan, Tomes and Co., as agents for the Law Union and Crown Insurance Co. send a pretty coloured reproduction of J. I. L. Farrier's copyright picture of the *Eastern beauty Lal a Tookah* and also the calendar issued by the Yokohama Specie Co. for which they are agents. From the American Tobacco Co. we have received a picture of a Yankee belle. Messrs. Douglas, Lippin & Co., agents for the New Zealand Fire and Marine Insurance Co., Messrs. Wm. Meyerink & Co., representing the Liverpool, London & Globe Insurance Co., and the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, agents for the Mei Fire Insurance Co. also send calendars. The Commercial Union Insurance Co. forward a very useful tablet calendar, which should prove of the greatest assistance in business houses. The Sperry Flour Company send us three copies of the best calendars we have yet received. It is beautifully illuminated after the Chinese taste among whose community the calendar is intended to circulate. The central design depicts the Imperial journey homewards of the *Empress of the Han Dynasty*. Enclosed on each side by two tablets with the Chinese flaming red of good fortune; use characters within gold circles. Above is the Sperry Flour Company's hong name in Chinese characters surrounded by a multi-coloured floral design with the American flag on one side and the Imperial yellow with the dragon on the other. Below is the calendar in Chinese for 1903, on each side of which is a scroll, one with a list of the firm's branches and agencies and the other an intimation descriptive of the trade marks and a caution to beware of imitations.

COTTAM & CO. FOR GENTS' BATHING GEAR.

FORTHCOMING ENTERTAINMENT.—Readers are reminded of the entertainment given by Zamboni in St. Patrick's Club, tomorrow evening. A most attractive programme has been arranged and a thoroughly enjoyable evening with mirth, magic and mystery should result.

THE CASH PROBLEM.—During the past ten days, writes our Tientsin correspondent, there has been frequent trouble in the City, in consequence of the Viceroy's arbitrary threat to punish any and all persons tendering small, i.e., spurious cash after the 20th, 11th moon, or our 19th. The poor people flocking in from the country with provisions, fuel, etc., or bringing cargo, have naturally only small cash with which to purchase food, and those buying from them or paying them for labour have taken care to pay them in the debased coin. The rice shops in view of the prohibited date, however, decline to receive this small coin, and the outraged people unable to buy food have naturally resorted to the provision shops and several riots have occurred. Seeing this the Viceroy has, I just learn as I am writing, now ordered certain offices to be opened for the express purpose of changing the cash either for big cash or for cereals. But this comes late in the day but just in time perhaps to save serious trouble.

PLAGUE AGAIN.

SANITARY BOARD MEETING.

A special meeting of the Sanitary Board was held this afternoon for the purpose of considering what action, if any, the Board should take in view of the fact that four cases of plague have occurred in the City during the month of December.

There were present Dr. Atkinson (president), Hon. W. Chatham, Hon. Dr. F. Clark, and Messrs. E. Osborne, C. McL. Messer, Colonel Webb, R.A.M.C., P.M.O., Fung Wa Chun, Lau Chu Pak and C. A. Woodcock (secretary).

On the motion of the president, seconded by Mr. Osborne, it was unanimously agreed to obtain authority from the Government to rent certain houses at East Point, for the population which it was subsequently proposed to displace. It was pointed out that three cases of plague had occurred within the past twelve days, two of which were within the past 48 hours. All the cases were within a 50 ft. distance of each other.

The president then moved, and Hon. Chatham seconded, and it was resolved that houses Nos. 1 to 17, Wu On Lane, Nos. 15, 17, 19, 21, and 21A, D'Aguilar St., and 19 Wing Wa Lane should be closed.

On the motion of the President, seconded by Hon. Dr. Clark, it was agreed that the district bounded on the West by Pottinger St., on the North by Wellington St., and on the East and South by Wyndham St., be declared an infected district for the purpose of house to house inspection.

MYSTERIOUS TRAGEDY.

SOLDIER KILLED AND ANOTHER NOT EXPECTED TO LIVE.

For the past few days, rumours have been current in the Colony to the effect that two members of the Sherwood Foresters had been mysteriously done to death. It appears that late on Xmas eve, two privates of the Sherwood Foresters, who were on police duty, were relieved at midnight, and before returning to their quarters called in at a certain tavern and each had a small glass of beer. On emerging from the premises they were seen to totter. No notice, however, was taken and it was thought that the two men had gone to their quarters. Judge of the surprise of those later when they found the two men lying on the street apparently suffering from great pain. Aid was soon rendered and after great difficulty they were removed to their quarters, where it was found that one of them was fast dying from a fractured skull. Subsequently the poor fellow expired. The other man though conscious did not make any statement, and seeing that he was exhausted, and bore evident signs of rough treatment, was immediately sent to the Military Hospital, where, we are informed, that he lies in a very precarious condition. We have not been able to learn the nature of his injuries, or how they were caused. It is reported that the military authorities are making strict inquiries into the matter.

SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

MAILS DUE.

English (*Chusan*) 4 h. prox.
French (*Caledonia*) 5th prox.
German (*König Albert*) 6th prox.
American (*Doric*) 8th prox.
German (*Harmstadt*) 10th prox.
American (*Nippon Maru*) 16th prox.

The steamer *Lohian* from Japan, China and Hongkong arrived at New York on the 27th inst.

The O. S. F. Co.'s steamer *Telmachus* left Singapore on 31st inst., and is expected here on 5th prox.

The steamer *Ischia* left Singapore for this port yesterday, the 30th inst., and may be expected here on or about the 6th prox.

The P. M. S. & Co.'s steamer *Doric* with mails, &c., will leave Yokohama for usual ports and Hongkong to-morrow the 1st prox.

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TELEGRAMS.

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Austria and Italy.

COMMERCIAL TREATY TO BE CANCELLED.

BERLIN, 30th December.

Austria has given notice of cancelling her commercial treaty with Italy.

Morocco.

REBELS ADVANCING.

Affairs in Morocco are becoming more serious. The rebels are advancing.

The Venezuelan President's

UNSUCCESSFUL EFFORTS.

President Castro's endeavours to commence negotiations have so far been unsuccessful.

(Ruler's)

Mr. Chamberlain in South Africa.

LONDON, December 29th.

Mr. Chamberlain is a guest at Government House at Peter Maritzburg.

Obituary.

The death of the Bishop of St. Albans is announced.

Morocco.

It is officially confirmed that the rebels at Tala, on the 23rd instant, completely routed the Moorish Army of 10,000 men, which precipitately fled to Fez, losing 2,000 in killed.

The Venezuelan Question.

The refusal of President Roosevelt to arbitrate on the Venezuela question has caused some disappointment in Berlin consequent on the delay attending formalities of the Hague tribunal.

LATER.

The Durbar.

The Viceroy and the Duke and Duchess of Connaught made a state entry into Delhi to-day. They were mounted on superbly caparisoned elephants, and followed by a long and gorgeous procession of Indian Princes two abreast all mounted on elephants.

The Humbert Frauds.

The Humberts have been imprisoned in Paris.

The Somaliland Expedition.

The Government has accepted the services of 100 Boers for Somaliland.

Morocco.

The Sultan has barricaded himself in his palace at Fez and an attack on the town is expected. Resistance is impossible.

NEW GERMAN CLUB

OPENED IN HONGKONG.

At noon to-day the eagle flag of Germany floated out above the new German Club in Kennedy Road, and in the presence of the German Vice-Admiral H.E. Geissler, Lady Geissler and members of the Club accompanied by their wives and friends, the building was formally dedicated. The new premises present an imposing appearance not only from Kennedy Road, but also from the harbour where it can be seen standing out in striking contrast to the neighbouring buildings. The Club is built in three storeys, the first floor being devoted to the bar, smoking room, and billiard room, where there are to be found two American and one full-sized English table. The floor above will be set apart as a bill room or a large sitting or dining room, where recreation might require, while the third floor will be utilized as residential quarters, twelve rooms being admirably furnished with every requirement. The reading room and library are on the ground floor, and beneath is the bowling alley and servants' quarters. The building is lighted throughout by gas, and was built after the designs of Messrs. Denison, Ram and Gibbs, the architect. On each floor there is a wide verandah from where an excellent view of the harbour can be obtained.

At the opening ceremony to-day the President, Mr. G. Harlin, proposed the health of the Emperor, and proceeded to refer to the past history of the German Club in Hongkong. He asked all present to drink success to the new institution. The vice-president and hon. secretary, Mr. Paul Hewitt, in an appropriate speech, thanked the architects, and Mr. Ram having suitably acknowledged the compliment the proceedings terminated by those present inspecting the building and being photographed by Mr. Le Munyon.

THE VENTNOR DISASTER.—When the news of the wreck of the s.s. *Ventnor* and the consequent loss of the bones of over a thousand Chinamen, who died in New Zealand, reached Canton, many families were greatly taken aback. We are informed that since the receipt of the news, three very wealthy Chinamen in Canton have telegraphed to the New Zealand authorities offering £10,000 or more than \$200,000 for the recovery of the bones.

ASK FOR ASAHI JAPANESE BEER.

G. Girault.

THE QUARRY BAY SPORTS.

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS.

In continuation of our report of yesterday regarding the sports to be held at Quarry Bay to-morrow we now publish the programme of events. The principal officers are:—President, W. Poate, vice-president, A. R. Greve, chairman, W. M. Scott, Judges:—Messrs. A. Rodger, F. J. J. Andrew, Timie-keepers:—Messrs. F. Howell, and C. Lesberd Handicappers:—Messrs. J. Gloyd, T. Meek, T. Grimshaw, A. McKirdy, and F. Howell, Starter:—F. E. Shuster, Hon. Secretary, R. H. Stephenson.

EVENTS.

100 YARDS FLAT RACE Handicap.—(Confined) 1st Prize presented by A. R. Greve, Esq. and 2nd Prize presented by Dr. Rennie.

2 MILE BICYCLE RACE. "Open to all Non-First Prize Winners." 1st Prize presented by A. McKirdy, Esq. and 2nd Prize presented by the China Sugar Refinery staff.

3 MILE FLAT RACE Handicap. Open to China Sugar Refinery, Dock, and Victoria Recreation Club. 1st prize presented by the Royal Exchange Assurance Corporation, and 2nd prize presented by F. H. Kam.

2 MILE BICYCLE RACE. "Open to all Comers." 1st prize presented by the Kowloon Dock staff. Second prize presented by G. Feawick and Company.

220 YARDS FLAT RACE Handicap.—(Confined) 1st prize presented by the Cosmopolitan Dock. Second prize presented by T. Hoskins, Esq.

HIGH JUMP. "Open to C. in a Sugar Refinery, Dock and V.R.C." Prize presented by W. Poate, Esq.

1 MILE BICYCLE RACE (Confined). 1st prize presented by the China Sugar Refinery staff and 2nd prize presented by Jack Ah Tai.

LONG JUMP (Confined). 1st prize presented by W. M. Scott, Esq.

5 MILE BICYCLE RACE (HANDICAP). Open to all comers. 1st prize presented by the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, and 2nd prize presented by Yuen Hop. 3rd prize presented by Mok Koon Yick.

1 MILE FLAT RACE (Handicap). Open to China Sugar Refinery, Docks and V.R.C. 1st Prize presented by the V.R.C. and 2nd Prize presented by G. Buckland, Esq.

2 MILE BICYCLE RACE. "Open to gentlemen from 30 years of age and upwards." 1st Prize presented by The London & Lancashire Fire Assurance Co. and 2nd Prize presented by Ah Wing.

HURDLE RACE (100 yards). 1st Prize presented by W. Ramsay, Esq. and 2nd Prize presented by D. Templeton, Esq.

VETERAN'S RACE. 1 MILE BICYCLE (Handicap on Men). Open to all comers over 30 years of age. Prize presented by J. N. Havie, Esq.

LADIES' NOMINATION COSTUME FLAT RACE. 1st Prize presented by The Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, and 2nd Prize for best, or most original costume "Decided by Judges," presented by Ah Poi.

1 MILE FLAT RACE "SCRAITCH." Open to all Comers. 1st Prize presented by A. R. Greve, Esq. and 2nd Prize presented by J. Blake, Esq.

VISITORS' RACE. One lap, Confined to Visitors only. "Non-Racing Costume." Prize presented by The Tai Koo Club.

CONSOLATION RACE. Prize presented by W. Macdonald, Esq.

CHAMPION'S RACE (Confined)—To be decided on points, viz.

3 points for every 1st place

2 " " " 2d "

1 " " " 3d "

Prize presented by Y. H. "Old," Esq.

SWEET NEIL OF OLD DRURY.

Of the many brilliant plays produced at the Theatre Royal during the present season of the Janet Waldorf Company, there is perhaps none which has so much the charm of realism and romance as the love-story of *Sweet Neil of Old Drury*. Under the pretty title of *Sweet Neil of Old Drury* these two characters have been represented with historical fidelity and a delightful picture of the life of that period has been evolved. From an orange-girl selling her wares outside the King's Theatre, Nell Gwynne is followed through many of the romantic vicissitudes of her life until she becomes the favourite of the King and the idol of the people. It is a story which can be told again and again and always with new charm. When played first in London, *Sweet Neil* became a pronounced success and it is at the present time the leading "bill" in many of the big theatres of the world. Miss Waldorf's Co. should be faithful representation of the play. Needless to say, Miss Waldorf will be seen as *Nell Gwynne* and the character of Charles II. will be in the capable hands of Mr. Norval McGregor. Other prominent personages introduced are Lord Jeffries, the cruel and unrelenting Chief Justice, Lady Castlemaine and the Duchess of Portsmouth, two of the King's favourites; Lords Rochester and Lovelace, typical dandies of the day. The costumes will be thoroughly representative of the time and of scenery and accessories generally on a first-class scale. The box-plan is now open at Robinson's.

THE BOSTON STEAMSHIP CO., AND BOSTON TOWBOAT CO.

From Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., as agents for the Boston Steamship and Towboat Companies, we have received several copies of a very interesting handbook descriptive of these concerns. The book, which is entitled *The Orient*, is beautifully printed and well-spiced with admirable illustrations, and deals in a descriptive style with "Piguet Sound, Seattle and the State of Washington, Tacoma, Hawaii, Japan, Yokohama, Nagasaki, Kobe, China, Hongkong, the Philippines, and concludes with an interesting article on Manila."

ASK FOR ASAHI JAPANESE BEER.

G. Girault.

From it we gather that the Boston Steamship and Towboat Companies have recently completed arrangements with the Northern Pacific Railway Company to operate a line of cargo steamers between Tacoma and Seattle, and all the principal ports in the Orient in connection with that Railway. The following steamers of these companies will be used in this service, namely, *Shawmut*, *Tremont*, *Lyra*, *Hyades* and *Meloides*.

These vessels, carrying the American flag, are all fine modern cargo steamers. *Shawmut* and *Tremont* are sister ships of 9,600 tons register, which have just been completed by the Maryland-Steel Company at Sparrows Point, Maryland; they are 506 feet long, 58 feet beam, with a total depth of 40 feet; they carry 11,200 tons of 2,240 lbs., or 18,063 tons of 40 cubic feet of cargo, each; they are provided with triple-expansion engines and are able to maintain a speed of 15 knots per hour. They are especially built for the Trans-Pacific trade, and are fitted with the most modern appliances for handling cargo with safety and despatch. These two vessels are the largest cargo steamers which have yet been employed in the Trans-Pacific trade. The steamships *Hyades* and *Meloides* are also sister ships "built by the Maryland-Steel Company in 1901 for the Boston Tow Boat Company." They are steel steamships, length 331 feet 6 inches, beam 47 feet, depth 28 feet, gross tonnage 3,743, net tonnage 2,932. Head-weight capacity 5,530 tons of 2,240 pounds. Loaded draft 23 feet. Measurement cargo capacity is 6,740 tons of 40 cubic feet. Speed 10½ knots. Three decks; bridge, main and tween deck. Both of these ships are well decked, the *Shawmut*, *Tremont* and *Lyra* being flush-decked. The *Lyra* was built by the same builders at Sparrows Point, Maryland, in 1901. She is a steel steamship of gross tonnage 4,417, length 331 feet, beam 47 feet 6 inches; she has triple-expansion engines, is fitted with all modern conveniences, and carries 6,000 tons dead-weight, or 9,750 tons of 40 cubic feet. Steamships *Hyades* and *Meloides* will be operated in connection with the Northern Pacific Railway in a regular and direct line from Seattle and Tacoma to Vladivostok, Port Arthur, Shanghai and Hongkong, calling at other ports in North China when sufficient inducements are offered, returning by way of Japan, stopping at Moji, Kobe and Yokohama. Steamships *Shawmut*, *Tremont* and *Lyra* will be operated in connection with the Northern Pacific Railway, calling either way at Yokohama, Kobe and Moji. These steamships will run in a joint schedule in connection with the steamships *Victoria*, *Tacoma* and *Olympia*, owned and operated by the Northern Pacific Steamship Company, and will constitute the Trans-Pacific steamship service of the Northern Pacific Railway Company, giving a thorough service between all points in the United States and Canada, and Japan, China, Hongkong, the Philippines, the Straits Settlements, Java and Eastern Siberia, and connecting at Dalay and Vladivostok with the Trans-Siberian Railway.

AS OTHERS SEE US.

HONGKONG.

Hongkong is the Gibraltar of Commerce, says a writer in *The Orient*, a publication issued by the Boston S. S. and Towboat Co. As the giant rock, towering out of the sea, is a perpetual reminder to Europe that England is prepared to maintain her prestige in the Western world, so Hongkong stands as a monument to the commercial enterprise of Greater Britain and marks the first firm foothold of the Anglo-Saxon in the Far East. "Give me Hongkong and I will have China," declared Gordon, and although his conception of what was possible has not been realized, we may readily accept the enthusiastic words of the hero of Khartoum. From the standpoint of trade, at least, the strategic importance of Hongkong is all that "Chinese" Gordon supposed. With the exception of the mammoth empire of India, Hongkong is the most important of all England's outposts in the East, and the most wonderful. From a cluster of fishing villages, sixty years ago, it has grown into an imperial colony with a commerce of fifty million pounds sterling per year—the fourth commercial port of the globe. The fleets of the nations ride at anchor in Hongkong, a free port, sacred to the uses of trade. Here every product of the Orient is brought, by every known means of transportation, to be exchanged for the goods of the Occident. The United States and all the countries of Europe are represented in the bay by sailing-ships and ocean steamers, and on shore is gathered the cosmopolitan of the Orient. And yet Hongkong is essentially British. You feel this when you walk through the streets of Victoria, or ride over the roads of the outer colony. For this place and all it represents is the product of English enterprise, energy and daring. The stamp of Albion is everywhere visible, and you would know this is an English colony, even were it not for the flag of Britain, which floats over all the public buildings. The world long since realized the significance of Hongkong in the larger politics. The possession of this colony has enabled England, more than once, to stay the encroachments of Russia and check the ambitious projects of the Czars. It was the political importance of this once barren rock which led to its becoming the Hongkong of to-day. Sir Henry Pottinger, the first British Governor, however gifted a statesman he may have been, certainly could not have foreseen the marvellous development of the commerce of the port. Yet that was not so long ago; it was in 1843 that Sir Henry assumed the reins of government for his sovereign's new possession, at that time of small extent and unimportant commerce. To-day Sir Henry Arthur Blake, on behalf of His Britannic Majesty, presides over one of the finest and one of the

most important of the colonies in the world. Now, if you please, consider these few but pregnant facts: In 1841 the population of Hongkong numbered 7,000 souls. To-day it is close to 300,000. In the first six years of British control the number of inhabitants was multiplied by three. In the next eight years the same phenomenon was witnessed, and in 1876 the population had grown to 139,144. In the decade from 1881 to 1891 the number of inhabitants increased from a little more than 160,000 to 221,441. Hongkong was a rocky, unfertile settlement for fishermen, who by this calling thinly disguised their real vocation of piracy. To-day Hongkong has within its borders a magnificent city, rising in terraces, imposing public buildings, fine homes, churches and schools, modern water-works, gas and electric-light plants—in fact, all the conveniences of a thoroughly abreast-of-the-times metropolis.

To summarize the story of Hongkong, in the language of an eminent writer and man of affairs: "Hongkong, small as a dot on the ocean, adjacent to the borders of the Chinese empire, affords some indication of the possibility of expansion. In the matter of tonnage of vessels, inward and outward bound, it ranks next to Liverpool among the ports of the world. Accurate official returns for the year 1899 show: London, 2,991,300 tons. Liverpool, 18,837,000 tons. Hongkong, 18,101,000 tons. I quote from an article written by Governor, Sir H. A. Blake, G.C.M.G., and the Hon. J. H. Stewart Lockhart, C.M.G., for *Commerce*. The shipping returns show that during the year 1900 8,436 ships of the aggregate registered tonnage of 18,445,133 tons, carrying 9,862,868 tons of cargo and 2,031,079 passengers, arrived and cleared.

NOTES FROM WEIHAWEI.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

WEIHAWEI, December 16th.

ROAD MAKING.

A visitor to Weihaiwei at the present time would find evidences of considerable activity in the direction of road-making. Whether he was wending his way along the coast-road, that leads now up, now down, to Half Moon Bay or whether he proceeded along the highway which sweeps in a more dignified curve by Narcessus Bay to the Flagstaff, he would find some hundreds of coolies engaged in the gentle art of road-construction. A year ago the roads were made; they are being made again to-day which intimates clearly enough, even to the initiated layman, that the roads as originally constructed were not equal to the strain they have been put to. The destroyer has been the rain. Before it, the highways and byways of the R.E., their bridges and culverts have gone down. The disintegrated granite so extensively used because so near at hand gave an excellent looking and inexpensive, but not a lasting surface to the roads. And where the mountain streams came down, their beds loose, ill-defined and subject to sudden expansion—the road has in many cases disappeared. In some instances the bridges have stood the strain, and stand like islands, separated by a small gulf from the road on either side; in others the bridges too have gone. By way of extenuation it is urged that this has been an abnormally rainy sea on, and so indeed it has. Most of the destruction was done in a single storm when four inches of rain fell one day with unusual violence between noon and sunset. This was towards the end of September. The need for thorough reconstruction then became apparent, and the main coast road, from Half Moon Bay to the Flagstaff, a distance of between five and six miles was taken in hand. The complaints made in various quarters that nothing was being done to the roads are now seen to be groundless. Work is in full swing along the most frequented highway. Seawalls and retaining walls are being built wherever necessary which is pretty often and the roads are being substantially metalled on a substantial foundation. Stone-breaking, I may remark parenthetically, is now an important industry at Weihaiwei. The contractor who has charge of the entire undertaking is Li Po, a Cantonese not unknown in Hongkong, and the figure is £17,000. The work is to be completed by next year and the roads are to be maintained in good condition for one year from the date of completion. To ensure good work, a proportion of that sum, twenty per cent, I believe, will be held over till the expiration of that time.

The friends in Hongkong of Mr. R. Walter, resident magistrate of Weihaiwei, will be pleased to hear that he has received the appointment of Secretary to the Government, the appointment dating from the 1st of April last. Mr. Walter, who only came out to the Colony on January of the year, is the recipient of congratulations from all sides, as his advancement is unanimously recognised as richly merited.

Commercial.

EXCHANGE.

N LONDON, Telegraphic Transfer 7
" Bank Bills, on demand 1/7 1/16
" Credits, 4 months' sight 1/7 7/16
" Payments, 4 months' sight 1/7 9/16
N HAMBURG, (demand) 1/11 1/2
N PARIS, Bank Bills, on demand 1/9 1/4
" Credits, 4 months' sight 2/0 1/2
N NEW YORK, Bank Bills, on demand 38
" Credits, 30 days' sight 39 1/2
ON BOMBAY, Telegraphic Transfer 1/8 1/2
ON SHANGHAI, Telegraphic Transfer 7 1/2
" Private 30 days' sight none
ON YOKOHAMA, T.T. 30 1/2 p.p.
Sovereigns, Bank's Buying Rate \$12.54
and Local Purchase, per cent 64.25
The Silver 22 3/4

ASK FOR ASAHI JAPANESE BEER.

G. Girault.

OPIUM QUOTATIONS.

To-day's quotations are as follows:—
MALWA NEW Per chest.
" OLDEST @ \$1,020/1,030
PATNA NEW @ 997 1/2
BENARES NEW @ 987 1/2
PERSIAN (PAPER) @ 700/750

To-day's Advertisements.

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Whose word no man relies on,
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Beautiful Costumes, Splendid Scenery.

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Hongkong, 31st December, 1902. [1447d]

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The Originator and inventor of most of the
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SWATOW, AMOY AND FOCHOW.
The Company's Steamship

"HAIHING."
Captain Hodgins, will be despatched for the
above Ports, on FRIDAY, the 2nd January,
at 11 A.M.

For Freight or Passage apply to
DOUGLAS, LAURIE & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 31st December, 1902. [1451d]

NOTICE.

NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR DEBTS.
Neither the CAPTAIN, the AGENTS, nor the
OWNERS will be RESPONSIBLE for any
DEBTS contracted by the Officers or the Crews
of the following Vessel during her stay in
Hongkong Harbour:
S.S. SHIMOSA, British flag, Capt. E. A. Chaplain.
—Dodwell & Co., Ltd.

To-day's Advertisements.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions
to Sell by
PUBLIC AUCTION,
FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED,
on
FRIDAY, the 2nd January, 1903,
at Noon,
outside their
SALES ROOMS, No. 8, Des Voeux Road,
Corner of Ice House Street,
One INDIAN BROWN MARE and COLT
(4 months' old), both in good order and
condition.

TERMS:—As Usual.
HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, 31st December, 1902. [1449d]

THE HONGKONG FROZEN FOOD SUPPLY.

DEPOT No. 3, ICE HOUSE LANE.
Telephone No. 343.

THE attention of Public is directed to the
facilities offered by the above Company
for the supply of Frozen Australian Produce,
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SPECIALLY FITTED for its carriage, and
which ensures its arrival in the best condition.
The following are the prices of the last ship-
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	Various	Various
Mutton, 27 lbs. @ 1 lb.	15 cts. @ 1 lb.	10 cts. @ 1 lb.
Rabbits, 15 lbs. @ 1 lb.	15 cts. @ 1 lb.	10 cts. @ 1 lb.
Chickens, 15 lbs. @ 1 lb.	15 cts. @ 1 lb.	10 cts. @ 1 lb.
Gooseberries, 15 lbs. @ 1 lb.	15 cts. @ 1 lb.	10 cts. @ 1 lb.
Greenpeas, 15 lbs. @ 1 lb.	15 cts. @ 1 lb.	10 cts. @ 1 lb.
Peaches, 15 lbs. @ 1 lb.	15 cts. @ 1 lb.	10 cts. @ 1 lb.
Plums, 15 lbs. @ 1 lb.	15 cts. @ 1 lb.	10 cts. @ 1 lb.
Tongues, 15 lbs. @ 1 lb.	15 cts. @ 1 lb.	10 cts. @ 1 lb.

Pass Books will be supplied to, and Credit
accounts kept with well known residents.
All orders sent in before 8 A.M. can be filled
by noon and orders left before noon can be
filled by 3.30 P.M.

Orders for following morning can be sent in
during the day.
All orders will be executed at the Depot,
No. 3, Ice House Lane.

Wm. PARLANE,
Manager.
Hongkong, 31st December, 1902. [1450d]

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

THE COMPETITION on SATURDAY,
the 3rd January, will be a HANDICAP
SWEEPSTAKES, over the 200, 500 and 600
yards Ranges, commencing at 2 P.M. Entries
on the Range closing at 2.30 P.M. Entrance
to each with \$3 added. Four Prizes—
1st, 30%; 2nd, 20%; 3rd, 10%; 4th, 5%.
Score to receive a Gold Medal Cross.
MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 31st December, 1902. [1451d]

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of CARGO per Steamship
"CHINA."

The above Steamer having arrived, Con-
signees of Cargo are hereby requested to send
in their Bills of Lading for Countersignature,
and to take immediate delivery of their Goods
from alongside.
Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel
will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk
and expense.
No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in
any case whatever.
E. W. TILDEN,
Agent.
Hongkong, 31st December, 1902. [1452d]

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FORTNIGHTLY SAILINGS FOR LONDON.

MONTHLY SAILINGS FOR LIVERPOOL.

FROM	STEAMERS	On	DUE
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"TELEMACHUS"	On 6th January.	
"	"FROMYTHUS"	On 8th	
"	"PYRRHUS"	On 14th	
"	"DIOMED"	On 20th	

HOMEWARDS.

FOR	STEAMERS	To SAIL
LONDON	"PELEUS"	On 6th January.
LONDON	"ANTHEUS"	On 20th January.
GENOA and LIVERPOOL	"TYDEUS"	On 20th January.
LONDON	"TELEMACHUS"	On 3rd February.
LONDON	"PROMETHEUS"	On 17th February.
LIVERPOOL	"DARDANUS"	On 20th February.
MARSEILLES and ANTWERP	"PYRRHUS"	On 21st February.

For Freight, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

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Hongkong, 27th December, 1902.

CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY LIMITED.

OUTWARDS.

FROM	STEAMERS	DUE
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"PAKING"	22nd January.
"	"CHINGWO"	3rd February.

HOMEWARDS.

FOR	STEAMERS	To SAIL
MARSEILLES, ANTWERP and AMS.	"OOPACK"	16th January.
TERDAM	"	"

TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.

VICTORIA, SEATTLE, and TACOMA	"PAKING"	24th January.
and all PACIFIC COAST PORTS	"	"
NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	"	"

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Hongkong, 27th December, 1902.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LIMITED.

FOR	STEAMERS	To SAIL
SHANGHAI	"HO'HOW"	1st January.
"	"OH'NIAN"	1st
"	"CHANGHOU"	2nd
"	"KANG"	3rd
"	"SHAN"	3rd
"	"HANGHOU"	3rd
"	"WHAMPOA"	5th
PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY IS.	"T-IYUAN"	2nd January.
COOKTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNS.	"	"
MELBOURNE, SYDNEY and	"	"

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RUBI	2540	R. W. Almond	MANILA (DIRECT)	2nd January, at Noon.
ZAFIRO	2540	R. Rodger	Do.	7th
DIAMANTE	1980	A. H. Netley	"	"
PERLA	1980	J. McGinley	"	"

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OPERATING IN CONNECTION WITH

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Steamship	Tons	Captain	To SAIL
"INDRAVELLI"	4,899	W. E. Craven	Jan. 14, 1903.
"INDRAPURA"	4,899	A. E. Hollingsworth	"
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PROPOSED SAILINGS.—SUBJECT TO ALTERATIONS.

Destinations	Steamers	Captains	Sailing Dates.
FOR TAMSUI	"DAIJIN MARU"	T. Ogata	SUNDAY, 4th January.
FOR ANPING	"MAIDZURU MARU"	T. Saito	WEDNESDAY, 7th January.
FOR TAMSUI	"DAIGI MARU"	T. W. Groves	SUNDAY, 11th Jan., at 8 A.M.
FOR FOCHOW	"ANPING MARU"	J. Goto	WEDNESDAY, 14th January

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Hongkong, 22nd December, 1902. [1352d]

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THE Company's Steamship

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Captain G. S. Weigall, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 2nd Jan., 1903, at 4 P.M.

This Steamer has Superior Accommodation for First class Passengers, and is fitted throughout with Electric Light.

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"NAMSANG"

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A Stewardess and a duly qualified Surgeon are carried.

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Saloon Passengers carried at SPECIALLY REDUCED RATES, particulars of which can be obtained on application to the Undersigned.

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THE SHARE MARKET

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LATEST QUOTATIONS.		
(DECEMBER 31st.)		
STOCKS.	PAID-UP VALUE.	LATEST QUOTATION.
Banks.		
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation	\$	125
National Bank of China, Limited	\$	8
Do. Founders	\$	10
Marine Insurances.		
Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited	\$	50
China Traders' Insurance Company, Limited	\$	25
North China Insurance Company, Limited	\$	25
Yangtze Insurance Association, Limited	\$	60
Canton Insurance Office, Limited	\$	50
Fire Insurances.		
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited	\$	50
China Fire Insurance Company, Limited	\$	20
Shipping.		
Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Company, Limited	\$	15
Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited	\$	10
China and Manila Steamship Company, Limited	\$	50
Douglas Steamship Company, Limited	\$	50
"Star" Ferry Company, Limited	\$	10
"Shell" Transport and Trading Company, Limited	\$	1
Shanghai Tug Boat Company, Limited	Taels	100
Vaku Tug and Lighter Company, Limited	Taels	50
Shanghai Cargo Boat Company, Limited	Taels	100
Co-operative Cargo Boat Company, Limited	Taels	100
Refineries.		
China Sugar Refining Company, Limited	\$	100
Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited	\$	100
Perak Sugar Cultivation Company, Limited	Taels	50
Mining.		
Punjom Mining Company, Limited	\$	10
Union Mining Preference Shares	\$	1
Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin	Francs	250
Icibel Mining and Trading Company, Limited	\$	5
Raub Allain Gold Mining Company, Limited	do. 18s.	100
Chinese Engineering & Mining Company, Ltd.	do.	1
Docks, Wharves and Godowns.		
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, Limited	\$	50
S. C. Farnham, Boyd & Co., Ltd.	Taels	100
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited	\$	50
New Amoy Dock Company, Limited	\$	60
Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf & Godown Company, Limited	Taels	100
Lands, Hotels and Building.		

pany, Limited	\$	10	\$10 sales
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Com- pany, Limited	\$	100	\$18 buyers
Kowloon Linn and Building Company, Ltd....	\$	30	\$18 buyers
West Point Building Company, Limited	\$	30	\$18 buyers
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited	\$	30	\$140 sales
Oriente Hotel Company, Limited (Manila)	\$	50	\$371 sellers
Astor House Hotel Co., Limited (Shanghai) ..	\$	25	\$121 sales
Hotel des Colonies Co., Ld. (Shanghai)	Tael	25	Tael 164 buyers

Humphreys's Estate and Finance Company, Limited	\$	10	\$12
Shanghai Land Investment Company, Limited	Taels	50	Taels 725 sellers
Cotton Mills.			
Hongkong Cotton Spinning, Weaving and Dyeing Company, Limited	\$	10	\$124 sellers
Ewo Cotton Spinning and Weaving Company, Limited	Taels	100	Taels 40 sellers
International Cotton Manufacturing Company, Limited	Taels	100	Taels 40 sales
Laou-kung-mow Cotton Spinning and Weaving Company, Limited	Taels	100	Taels 44 sales
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Company, Limited	Taels	500	Taels 150
Tobacco, Cigar and Cigarette Company.			
Alhambra, Limited	\$	500	\$500 sellers
Philippine Tobacco Trust Co., Limited	\$	50	\$25 sellers
Shanghai-Sumatra Tobacco Company	Taels	40	Taels 44 buyers
American Cigarette Company, Limited	Taels	50	Taels 40
Miscellaneous.			
Green Island Cement Company, Limited	\$	10	\$208 buyers
China-Borneo Company, Limited	\$	15	\$25 sellers
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited	\$	10	\$74 buyers
Watkins, Limited	\$	10	\$724 buyers
Hongkong Electric Company, Limited	\$	10	\$130 sales
Hongkong Electric Company, Limited	\$	5	\$605 sellers
Hongkong and China Gas Company, Limited	\$	10	\$124 buyers
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited	\$	50	\$120 sales
Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited	\$	25	\$50 sellers
Wong Lee Co., Limited	\$	50	\$200 sellers

1	Hongkong High-Level Tramways Co., Ltd.	100	\$345 sellers
2	Dairy Farm Company, Limited	6	\$11 sellers
3	Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited	50	\$40 sellers
4	Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited	10	\$35
5	Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Limited	125. 6d.	\$1 buyers
6	United Asbestos Oriental Ag'cy, Limited	4	\$8 1/2 sellers
7	Do, Founders	10	\$15
8	Teburu Planting Company, Limited	5	nominal
9	Universal Trading Co., Limited	100	\$22 buyers
10	Hongkong Steam Water-b'at Co., Limited	7	\$8.65 buyers
11	China Light and Power Co., Limited	30	\$10 sales & buyers
12	Robinson Piano Co., Limited	1	\$50
13	Manila Investment Co., Limited	10	\$15 buyers
14	William Powell, Limited	10	\$9 buyers
15	Maatschappij tot Mijl-, Bosch-en Landbouw exploitatie in Langkat	Guild rs 10	Taels 165 buyers
16	Telegraphic Address—"Kialto."		
17	Telephone No. 148		

STEAMERS EXPECTED.			
VESSEL'S NAME	FROM.	AGENTS.	DATE.
Bombay Maru	Shimonoseki	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Tonorrow
Sanuki Maru	Singapore	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Tonorrow
Hermann Lerche	Moji	Belchers & Co.	January 2nd
Chusan	Singapore	P. & O. S. N. Co.	January 4th
Caledonian	Singapore	Messageries Maritimes	January 15th
Ischia	Singapore	Carlowitz & Co.	January 6th
Duke of Fife	Yokohama	N. P. S. S. Co.	January 6th
König Albert	Japan	Belchers & Co.	January 6th
Prometheus	Singapore	Butterfield & Swire	January 6th
Doric	San Francisco	Pacific Mail S. S. Co.	January 6th
Indravelli	Portland, Ore.	P. & A. S. S. Co.	January 6th
Darmstadt	Columbo	Belchers & Co.	January 10th
Nippon Maru	San Francisco	Pacific Mail S. S. Co.	January 10th

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